IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

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HUGH COTNEY, as Attorney Ad Litem for JANE DOE, a minor child,

CASE NO.: 16-2008-CA-010332

Plaintiff,

DIVISION: CV-F

VS.

RICHARD L. TYLSKI, an individual, JANE M. TYLSKI, an individual,

Defendants.



#### VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF JANE M. TYLSKI

Taken on Behalf of the Plaintiff

DATE TAKEN:

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

TIME:

9:02 a.m.

PLACE:

Spohrer & Dodd, P.L. 701 West Adams Street

Suite 2

Jacksonville, Florida 32204

Examination of the witness taken before:

Elaine M. Wall, Professional Shorthand Reporter

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# APPEARANCES

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-andMike Bunker, Photojournalist
WTLV/WJXX First Coast News

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(By Mr. Spohrer)

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1	MR. TYLSKI: Can I ask you a question?
2	MR. SPOHRER: Yes, sir.
3	MR. TYLSKI: Are these reporters, news
4	reporters?
5	MR. SPOHRER: This is going to be a
6	videotaped deposition.
7	MR. TYLSKI: Uh-huh.
8	MR. SPOHRER: So we're videotaping it,
9	yes, sir.
10	MR. TYLSKI: All right.
11	MRS. TYLSKI: And who are you?
12	MR. SHAFER: I'm a law clerk. My name is
13	Zach Shafer.
14	MRS. TYLSKI: Are you supposed to be
15	here?
16	MRS. SPOHRER: He works with our firm.
17	MR. SPOHRER: Yes, ma'am.
18	MR. SHAFER: Yes.
19	MRS. TYLSKI: Okay.
20	MR. SPOHRER: And you don't care for any
21	water or anything, Mrs. Tylski?
22	MRS. TYLSKI: No, sir.
23	MR. SPOHRER: All right. I'll have some
24	documents I may want to show you. Take your
25	time to read them. If at any time you don't

1	understand any of my questions, let me know and
2	I'll rephrase the question for you. All right?
3	MS. TYLSKI: Uh-huh.
4	MR. SPOHRER: If you need to take a
5	break, let me know, we'll take a break. I
6	don't think we'll be here probably more than an
7	hour before we take a break and then if there's
8	anything that you need to do, let me know. If
9	you want to stretch your legs, all right?
10	The purpose of the deposition is just for
11	us to take your testimony in this case. And if
12	you want to refer to any documents to answer my
13	questions, you're free to do that.
14	MR. TYLSKI: Before we start I'm
15	sorry, I'm interrupting can I ask her name
16	over there?
17	MS. BARNARD: Jackie Barnard.
18	MR. TYLSKI: Yeah, that's what I thought.
19	Why is she in here?
20	MR. SPOHRER: This is an open court
21	proceeding. There's nothing
22	MRS. TYLSKI: But we have the right to
23	say who can be in here if they're not in your
24	firm.
25	MR. SPOHRER: No, ma'am, I'm afraid not.

1	This is just like if we were to do this in
2	court. Court proceedings are open to the
3	public and they're open to the press.
4	MR. TYLSKI: Okay.
5	COURT REPORTER: Do you want me to swear
6	the witness?
7	MR. SPOHRER: Yeah, we can swear the
8	witness in, please.
9	COURT REPORTER: Would you raise your
LO	right hand, please.
L1	(Witness duly sworn.)
L2	JANE M. TYLSKI,
L3	having been produced and first duly sworn as a
4	witness, and having responded "Yes, I do" to the
L5	oath, testified as follows:
L 6	DIRECT EXAMINATION
17	BY MR. SPOHRER:
18	Q Could you tell us your full name and
19	address, please.
20	A Jane Tylski, 5456 Tierra Verde Lane.
21	Q And what is your date of birth, please?
22	A
23	Q And your social security number?
24	A
25	Q And you're married to the gentleman

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seated here to your right?
1
                 Yes, sir.
2
           Α
 3
                 And what is his name?
           0
                Richard Tylski.
           Α
 4
                 How long have you-all been married?
 5
           0
                Eighteen years.
 6
           Α
                Do you have any children?
 7
           Q
                Three.
 8
           Α
                 And what are their names and ages,
 9
           0
10
      please?
11
           А
      8.
12
                 And they all live with you at your home?
13
           0
           Α
                 Yes.
14
                 Where are you employed?
15
           0
                 Starbucks.
16
           Α
                 Which one?
17
           0
                 San Jose and Old St. Augustine Road.
18
           Α
                 How long have you worked there?
19
           Q
                 Three years, November.
20
           Α
                 And what do you do there?
21
           0
                 I'm a shift supervisor.
22
           Α
                 What hours and days of the week do you
23
           0
24
      work?
                 I work -- it depends, on and off.
25
           Α
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1
                 On a typical --
           Q
 2
           Α
                 Part-time.
 3
            0
                 -- a typical week, how many days or hours
 4
      a week are you working?
 5
           Α
                 Twenty to thirty.
 6
                 And what is your pay there?
           0
 7
                 $9.45.
           А
 8
                 That's $9.45 an hour?
           0
 9
           Α
                 Yes.
                 And tips?
10
           0
11
           А
                 Yes.
12
                 And overtime?
           Q
13
           Α
                 Yes.
                 Okay. What does Mr. Tylski do?
14
           0
15
           А
                 He owns his own land -- well, TNT Bobcat
16
      Services.
17
                 I'm sorry; T & G?
           0
                 TNT Bobcat Services.
18
           А
19
                 And what is TNT Bobcat Services?
           0
20
           Α
                 It's a land -- it's land grading --
21
                 MR. TYLSKI: Construction.
2.2
                 THE WITNESS: -- construction.
23
      BY MR. SPOHRER:
24
                 Okay. Is that his only employment?
           0
25
           Α
                 Yes.
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- 1 Q Mrs. Tylski, we're here pursuant to a
- 2 subpoena for deposition, which I think was served on
- 3 you on Saturday, which we've marked as the first
- 4 exhibit to this deposition. Can you tell me if you
- 5 have brought with you any of the documents requested
- 6 in that subpoena?
- 7 A Rich has what we could get together in
- 8 the time frame that you've given us.
- 9 (The document last-above referred to was
- 10 marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 11 Exhibit No. 1.)
- 12 BY MR. SPOHRER:
- 13 Q Okay. What document have you brought
- 14 here?
- MR. TYLSKI: Just refer to me, I've got
- them.
- 17 THE WITNESS: He's got them.
- 18 BY MR. SPOHRER:
- 19 Q I'm sorry?
- 20 A Richard has got them.
- 21 Q Well, can -- I'm asking that he give them
- 22 to you --
- 23 A No. Oh.
- 24 O -- so that you can give them to me. I
- 25 would like to see whatever you have.

1	MR. TYLSKI: I've got tax returns,
2	business
3	MR. SPOHRER: Are these copies for me?
4	MR. TYLSKI: I need them back. We're
5	we need to see somebody today with them.
6	MR. SPOHRER: Who do you need to see
7	today?
8	MR. TYLSKI: A mortgage guy.
9	MR. SPOHRER: Okay. So in other words,
10	you want me to make copies of these and give
11	these back to you
12	MR. TYLSKI: Yes, please.
13	MR. SPOHRER: before you leave today?
14	All right. Let me just why don't you
15	just look through them first and then we can
16	make copies when we take a break.
17	BY MR. SPOHRER:
18	Q Mrs. Tylski, I would like you to describe
19	for us when you-all decided to adopt Janie. How did
20	that how did that come about? How did you meet
21	her? How did you know about her? Why did you
22	decide to adopt a child?
23	A We always knew we wanted to adopt a
24	child, always had it in our hearts, always knew that
25	that was

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1
           Q
                I'm sorry; you have to keep your voice up
 2
      because I'm having a hard time hearing you.
 3
                This is as loud as I can speak; I'm
 4
      sorry.
 5
                We always knew that we were supposed to
 6
      adopt a child. God put it in our hearts that we
 7
      were supposed to adopt a child. And when we met
 8
      Janie, we fell in love with her. A lot of people
 9
      wanted to adopt her, but we knew she was supposed to
10
                I met her at her school.
      be ours.
11
                What more do you want.
12
           0
                Okay. You say you knew that you were
13
      supposed to adopt a child --
14
           А
                Uh-huh.
15
                -- that God put that in your hearts?
           0
16
           Α
                Uh-huh.
17
                Yes?
           0
18
           A
                Yes.
                Okay. You had three children of your
19
           0
20
      own, three sons?
21
           A
                Yes.
22
                Those are -- those are your biological
23
      children; correct?
24
           А
                Yes.
                Did you want a girl in the family; is
25
           0
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- 1 that why you thought you should adopt a child?
- 2 A Yes and no. I mean, we just knew we
- 3 wanted to adopt.
- 4 Q Okay. And when you and your husband
- 5 decided you wanted to adopt, how did you go about
- 6 doing that? What did -- what did you do to try and
- 7 find a child to adopt?
- 8 A We started with an agency out of Utah and
- 9 put our application in, did that whole routine, and
- 10 then started out here locally. We didn't know how
- 11 soon, how far away. We heard about Janie at her
- school, that she needed to be adopted. Fell in love
- 13 with her at first sight, got to know her, knew her
- 14 situation. All the things fell in place. All -- it
- was basically a miracle. And that's what I'm saying
- about how we knew she was supposed to be ours. The
- fact that her name was Janie and all the little, all
- 18 the little details that only a mom can --
- 19 Q Okay. Well, tell about that. What was
- 20 it about this child that you felt it was meant to
- 21 be, that you were to adopt her?
- 22 A She never had a last name and just seeing
- that she needed someone to love her and her little
- 24 personality. She was -- just the way God put it in
- 25 our hearts that when we saw her and all the little

- 1 things, all the little -- major obstacles that were
- 2 in the way of adopting this child that had all --
- 3 all the obstacles had fallen to the wayside for us
- 4 to move in and -- and adopt her.
- 5 Q Do you feel that you had spent sufficient
- 6 time with her to know her and to know what she was
- 7 like before you went through with the adoption?
- 8 A Yes. We -- we would meet her after
- 9 school and the boys had practice at the time,
- 10 football practice. And we would play with her in
- 11 the grass and meet her at her foster parents' house.
- 12 O Uh-huh.
- 13 A Dinner dates, our house, their house.
- 14 Q Okay. Did she get along well with your
- 15 sons?
- 16 A Loved them.
- 17 Q And did they get along well with her?
- 18 A Loved them.
- 19 Q Okay.
- 20 A They could do no wrong.
- 21 Q So the adoption took place April 13,
- 22 2004; is that right?
- 23 A Correct.
- 24 Q And she was four years old at the time?
- 25 A Correct.

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1 Q Okay. And tell me how she became
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- 2 acclimated to your family and how that worked out.
- 3 A She -- it was like she had always
- 4 belonged there. She -- she basically came right in
- and it was easy for her to say mommy, daddy because
- 6 she was already doing that in several homes, you
- 7 know, so she never knew the difference. It was --
- 8 the boys, you know, were head over heels over her.
- 9 My family was head over heels over her.
- 10 O Uh-huh.
- 11 A His family all accepted her. She was
- 12 spoiled, you know.
- Q Uh-huh.
- 14 A She was the apple of our eye.
- O Uh-huh.
- 16 A She --
- 17 Q Okay.
- 18 A She didn't know what it was to want, you
- 19 know, spiritually, mentally or physically.
- 20 Q Uh-huh. Did she go to church with your
- 21 family?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 O And how did she do in school?
- 24 A She was an overachiever. She loved
- 25 school. She loved to do homework. She loved to

- 1 color. She loved to play with the kids.
- 2 Q Okay.
- 3 A All her teachers loved her.
- 4 Q Did there come a time when there
- 5 developed some behavioral problems with Janie?
- 6 A Just her eating issues.
- 7 Q Okay. Tell me about that. What were her
- 8 eating issues?
- 9 A She -- we realized after we had adopted
- 10 her that she had reverse swallow.
- 11 Q She had reverse swallow?
- 12 A Reverse swallow, where your tongue goes
- the opposite way when you swallow.
- 14 Q Okay. Explain that to me. What does
- 15 that mean?
- 16 A That means your tongue -- I don't know if
- 17 that's the medical term, but that's the term I
- 18 remember the therapist saying. When you -- when --
- their muscle goes the opposite way when they
- 20 swallow, so they have a hard time swallowing.
- 21 Q So that -- so that when she was eating
- food, she would have difficulty swallowing the food;
- is that what you're saying?
- 24 A Correct. And she was used to eating at
- her previous home just soft foods.

- 1 Q Okay. And was this a diagnosis that was
- 2 made by you or by a doctor or...
- 3 A Her doctor.
- 4 Q And which doctor?
- 5 A Barbara -- Barbara O'Reilly.
- 6 Q Barbara what?
- 7 A O'Reilly.
- 8 Q Okay. And what kind of doctor is
- 9 Dr. O'Reilly?
- 10 A A pediatrician.
- 11 Q Is she here in Jacksonville?
- 12 A Yes.
- Okay. How did that affect Janie's
- 14 behavior or eating?
- A She had a hard time eating, but it didn't
- 16 affect her behavior. I mean, she went through
- 17 therapy. We -- first, we put her through speech
- 18 therapy, you know, thinking that -- you know, that
- 19 was the first thing they asked us to do is put her
- through speech therapy to correct the muscle.
- 21 Q Uh-huh. What did you do to help her
- 22 overcome this eating problem?
- 23 A Took her to therapy as often as she could
- 24 go.
- Okay. And what about at home, what did

- 1 you do at mealtime regarding her eating?
- 2 A She knew what to do. She -- I mean, it
- 3 was her. She would have to do it. She --
- 4 MR. TYLSKI: Exercises.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yeah, her exercises. She
- 6 had a list of exercises that she would do.
- 7 BY MR. SPOHRER:
- 8 Q Okay. Did you ever have any behavioral
- 9 problems with this child?
- 10 A Just the defiance, you know, typical
- 11 child that's going to see where her boundaries are.
- 12 Q Okay. Any different than the boys that
- 13 you had raised?
- 14 A Boys and girls are completely different.
- 15 Q Yeah. Aside from that, though, but in
- 16 raising the children did you see anything different
- 17 about her and how she was growing than you had
- 18 experienced with your sons?
- 19 A Just typical, looking for your boundary,
- looking where you belong, you know, where you fit in
- 21 the family.
- 22 Q Okay. How did you discipline Janie?
- 23 A Spanked her, time out, took things away.
- 24 Q How did Mr. Tylski discipline her?
- 25 A Same way.

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1
           Q
                 Was she ever struck?
 2
           Α
                 Struck as in?
 3
           0
                 Hit.
 4
           Α
                 Spanked, yes.
 5
           Q
                 Spanked with what?
 6
           Α
                 Hand, belt or spoon.
 7
                 Okay. And who would administer that
           0
 8
      discipline?
 9
                 Either Rich or I.
10
                 Both of you?
           0
11
           Α
                 Uh-huh.
12
           0
                 Yes?
13
           A
                 Yes.
                 Okay. And what kind of belt would you
14
           Q
15
      strike her with?
16
           А
                 Just one of the kids' belts.
17
                 I'm sorry?
           0
                 Just one of the kids' belts.
18
           Α
                 One of the childrens' belts?
19
           0
20
           Α
                 Yes.
21
                 Okay. And what kind of a spoon would you
           0
22
      strike her with?
23
           Α
                A wooden spoon.
                And where would she be spanked?
24
           Q
25
           Α
                On the behind.
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- 1 O On her backside?
- 2 A Behind, yes.
- 3 Q Was she ever struck, by you or by
- 4 Mr. Tylski, anywhere other than on her backside?
- 5 A You know, when you spank a child, if they
- 6 move, you know, it's not intentionally, if you get
- 7 them in the back of the leg or, you know, above
- 8 their behind, but never anywhere else.
- 9 Q Okay. Other than striking her with a --
- 10 your hand or a spoon or a belt, was she disciplined
- in any other way?
- 12 A They had hot sauce -- they got hot sauce
- in their mouths for what we call potty mouth.
- 14 Q Tell me about that.
- 15 A If the kids were talking potty mouth, you
- 16 know, either bad language or talking kids' dirty
- 17 talk we call it, they got hot sauce in their mouth.
- What type of words or things would the
- 19 children say that would result in them getting hot
- 20 sauce in the mouth?
- 21 A Talking about private parts, you know,
- 22 not your typical language that you'd want to hear at
- home.
- Q Okay. Just any inappropriate --
- 25 A Inappropriate, yes.

- 1 -- language for their age --Q 2 Α Uh-huh. 3 -- you would discipline Janie by putting 0 4 hot sauce in her mouth? 5 That, she got probably two times in the Α 6 two years that we were -- she was with us. 7 Okay. And who did this? Q 8 Α Me. 9 0 Okay. And what kind of hot sauce was 10 this? 11 Like the squeeze Taco Bell sauce that Α 12 comes in the packets. 13 0 Uh-huh. Okay. And was it just in her 14 mouth? 15 Yes. Α 16 Anywhere else? 0 17 Α No.
- 20 A We found out in the hospital, yes.
- Q What did you find out in the hospital?
- 22 A That she had a broken hand.

or her fingers at some point?

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- Q Okay. And how did that happen?
- A We don't know. We -- first, we assumed
- 25 it was from falling down the stairs. But then, when

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Okay. Was there some issue with her hand

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1
      they said that she had an old fracture, we didn't
 2
      know where it had come from.
 3
                Okay. You mentioned the falling down the
 4
               Is that one incident? How many times did
 5
      she fall down the stairs?
 6
                She's fallen down the stairs a few times.
           Α
 7
                A few times?
           0
 8
           Α
                But not where she's broken anything.
 9
           0
                You have a two-story home?
10
           Α
                Yes.
11
                Okay. And in the period of time that
           0
12
      Janie was with you, April of '04 until March of '06,
13
      how many times did she fall down the stairs?
14
           Α
                I didn't --
15
                MR. TYLSKI: Three.
16
                THE WITNESS: A few times. I mean, she
17
           likes to wear her little shoes in the house.
18
           didn't count how many times she's fallen down,
19
           but she's fallen down quite a few.
2.0
      BY MR. SPOHRER:
21
                Quite a few, more than ten?
           0
22
           Α
                No.
23
                MR. TYLSKI:
                             Three.
24
                THE WITNESS: I would say --
25
                MR. TYLSKI: Three.
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- 1 THE WITNESS: -- three, four times.
- 2 BY MR. SPOHRER:
- 3 Q Okay. And when she fell down the stairs,
- 4 how many individual stairs did she fall down?
- 5 A I wasn't there to watch. I don't --
- 6 Q You didn't see it happen?
- 7 A No.
- 8 O Okay. What caused her to fall down the
- 9 stairs?
- 10 A Sometimes it was her shoes; sometimes
- just being clumsy.
- 12 Q Being clumsy how?
- 13 A She was just clumsy, just -- either by
- 14 what her -- what shoes she was wearing or typical
- 15 clumsiness.
- 16 Q Was she a clumsy child?
- 17 A She was not coordinated, but she was --
- so I would say she was still at that age where she's
- 19 still developing.
- 20 Q Okay. And so in these three or four
- 21 times that she fell down the stairs, did you ever
- witness that occurrence?
- 23 A I heard it. I didn't actually see it.
- Q Okay. And when you heard it, what did
- 25 you do?

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1
           Α
                Went and saw if she was okay.
 2
           0
                And was she?
 3
                Yeah, typical ooies and owies type thing,
           Α
 4
      no crying or anything.
 5
           0
                Okay. Anything broken?
 6
           Α
                No.
 7
                Any abrasions? Any bruises?
           0
                Not that I knew of. I mean, bruises
 8
           Α
9
      happened later. Not that I would check her later
10
      for, you know, unless she complained about
11
      something.
12
                Okay. What about her leg? Did there
           0
13
      come a time when her leg was broken?
14
           А
                Yes.
15
                And when was that?
           0
16
           Α
                What date?
17
           0
                Yes. Approximately.
18
           Α
                I don't remember the date.
19
           0
                Okay. Was it in -- sometime in March of
      '06?
20
21
           Α
                Yes.
2.2
                All right. And what happened?
           0
23
           Α
                She had fallen down the stairs.
24
                I'm sorry; I need you to keep your voice
           0
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up a little bit louder because the court reporter

25

- and I both need to hear what you're saying.
- 2 So it was sometime in March of '06?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And tell me what happened, please.
- 5 A She fell down the stairs. I did not
- 6 witness it. I was in the other room.
- 7 Q Okay. Who was home at that time?
- 8 A Just her and I.
- 9 What day of the week was it?
- 10 A I don't know.
- 11 Q It was a school day?
- 12 A Yes.
- And what was the reason she was not at
- 14 school?
- 15 A She had thrown up.
- 16 Q She had thrown up?
- 17 A Uh-huh.
- 18 Q Okay. Did she have some stomach virus or
- was she ill or what was wrong with her?
- 20 A I -- I would assume it was a virus. I'm
- 21 not a doctor, so I...
- 22 Q Okay. How long had been she been kept
- home because she had thrown up?
- 24 A Just that day. She was ready for school
- and threw up.

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1
           Q
                Okay. And what time of day did this
 2
      happen?
 3
           Α
                Before school.
 4
           0
                I'm sorry?
 5
           Α
                Oh, what time she was sick?
 6
                What time of the day did she fall? Yes,
           0
 7
      ma'am.
 8
                I don't remember. It's been a long time.
           Α
 9
           0
                Was this morning, afternoon?
10
           Α
                It was afternoon.
11
                All right. And what was she wearing?
           0
12
                Pajamas.
           Д
13
                And tell me what you remember about that.
           Q
14
           Α
                About?
15
                About what happened.
           0
16
           Α
                She fell down. That morning, she fell
17
      down the stairs. Like, the whole story or what?
18
                Yes. What room of the house were you in
19
      and --
20
                MR. TYLSKI: In the living room,
21
           vacuuming.
22
                THE WITNESS: I was in the front room,
           vacuuming. And when I had come around the
23
           corner, she was laying on the stairs saying,
24
           like humming, mommy, mommy, mommy, with
25
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- her hands through the stair trindle {sic}
- 2 things.
- 3 BY MR. SPOHRER:
- 4 O Uh-huh.
- 5 A So I didn't think anything of it. And I
- 6 said, "What are you doing," type attitude. Walked
- over, picked her up. She like hobbled over to the
- 8 couch. Laid her down, called Rich. He told me to
- 9 ice it, 20 minutes on, 20 minutes off.
- 10 Q Uh-huh.
- 11 A And then we went from there.
- 12 Q Okay. When did you take her to the
- 13 hospital?
- 14 A Later that evening, when Rich got home
- 15 from work.
- Okay. Did there come a time when she had
- 17 a fracture to her arm?
- 18 A She dislocated her arm.
- 19 Q And when was that?
- 20 A I don't remember the date.
- 21 Q It was before this broken leg incident?
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q And when she fell down the steps in that
- incident you just described for us, she ended up
- 25 going to the hospital; is that right?

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1
           Α
                Uh-huh.
 2
           Q
                 Yes?
 3
           Α
                Yes.
 4
           0
                 And that was where she was diagnosed with
 5
      a broken leg?
 6
           Α
                 Yes.
 7
                Okay. Now, sometime prior to that, then
           0
 8
      you -- there was a problem with her dislocating her
 9
      arm.
           Α
10
                Uh-huh.
11
                Okay. When was that approximately?
           0
12
                MR. TYLSKI: I was in Charlotte.
13
                THE WITNESS: What year was that?
                MR. TYLSKI: '04.
14
15
                THE WITNESS: '04.
16
      BY MR. SPOHRER:
17
                Okay. How did happen?
           Q
18
                She jumped over a stool in the shower.
           Α
19
                Jumped over a stool?
           0
2.0
           А
                A stool.
                In the shower?
21
           0
22
           Α
                Uh-huh.
23
                And how did she fall?
           0
24
                I wasn't there. I don't know. I just
           Α
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know she fell in the shower.

25

- 1 Q All right. Who was with her?
- 2 A Nobody.
- 3 Q She was taking a shower by herself?
- 4 A Uh-huh.
- 5 Q Okay. You have to -- what you're doing,
- 6 Mrs. Tylski, is what we all do in normal
- 7 conversation is to say uh-huh and uhn-uhn.
- 8 A Yes. Yes, she fell in the shower.
- 9 Q And this young lady is trying to make a
- 10 record here.
- 11 A Sorry.
- 12 Q So it's better if you just answer yes or
- 13 no, if you could. Thank you.
- 14 A Okay. Yes.
- 15 Q Thank you.
- So she's four years old and she's taking
- a shower by herself?
- 18 A Uh-huh. Yes.
- 19 Q All right. And she's in the shower
- stepping over a stool; yes?
- 21 A Yes. That's what she said.
- 22 Q That's what she said?
- 23 A Uh-huh.
- Q And she fell and dislocated her arm?
- 25 A Yes.

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- 1 Q Okay. And did you take her to the 2 hospital?
- 3 A Yes. I took her to a clinic, Solantic.
- 4 Q Okay. Is there any other incident that
- 5 you're aware of when she broke any bones? We've
- talked about her fingers, her right leg, and her
- 7 dislocated arm. Any other broken bones you're aware
- 8 of?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q Okay. Were any of those as a result of
- 11 discipline administered by you or by Mr. Tylski?
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q Was there any incident in which she had a
- laceration to her forehead?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Tell me about that.
- 17 A We were all at the dinner table and our
- 18 -- we have heavy -- at the time, we had heavy, metal
- wrought-iron chairs that have a leg on them that has
- 20 a loop. And she was -- she can't move the chair out
- 21 so she was climbing up into it. When she came up,
- she hit her forehead on the edge of the table, which
- is metal.
- Q Okay. And when, approximately, did this
- 25 happen?

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1
           Α
                 Time?
 2
           0
                 Yes.
 3
                 I don't remember.
           Α
 4
                 All right. Did she go to the doctor for
           0
 5
      that?
 6
           Α
                 Yes.
 7
                 What doctor did she see for that?
           0
 8
           Α
                 She went to an urgent care down the
 9
      street.
10
                 And what did they do for her?
           0
11
                 They stitched her up.
           Α
12
           Q
                 Okay. Did she have -- at the time you
13
      took her to the hospital in March, when she fell
      down the stairs, did she have any bruises to her
14
15
      back on that day?
                 I -- I didn't notice them, but they said
16
           A
17
      ves.
18
                 You did not notice that she had any
           0
19
      bruises to her back?
20
                I didn't look; she had pajamas on.
           Α
21
           0
                Okay. How did she get those bruises?
2.2
                 I don't know.
           Α
23
                Were the bruises to her back the result
           0
      of any discipline administered by you or Mr. Tylski?
24
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25

Α

No.

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1
                MR. SPOHRER: We're going to mark this as
 2
           Exhibit 2 to the deposition. This is a -- two
 3
           pages from the medical record at the hospital.
 4
                 (The document last-above referred to was
 5
           marked for identification as Plaintiff's
 6
           Exhibit No. 2.)
 7
      BY MR. SPOHRER:
 8
           Q
                Have you seen that, please? Have you
 9
      seen that before?
10
                Oh, have I seen it? No.
11
                You've never seen your -- this was, at
           0
12
      the time, your daughter's medical records. You've
13
      never seen that?
14
           А
                I don't think so.
15
                Okay. If I may, the doctor's report a
           0
16
      sublingual laceration; that would be a laceration
17
      under the tongue. Can you explain how that
18
      happened?
19
           Α
                No clue.
20
                No idea?
           0
21
           Α
                No.
22
                Did you ever put a fork in Janie's mouth
23
      to discipline her?
24
                No.
           Α
25
                Did anyone in your family ever do that?
           0
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Α
 1
                 No.
 2
                 They also describe bruising of the left
           0
 3
      jaw. Can you tell me how that happened?
 4
           Α
                No.
 5
           0
                No idea how that happened?
 6
           Α
                No.
 7
                 They describe diffuse areas of bruising
      on the back and the chest wall. Can you describe to
 8
 9
      me or tell me how that happened?
10
           Α
                No.
11
                No idea?
           0
12
           Α
                No.
                And then the fracture of the right leg
13
      all at the same time. That, you think happened when
14
15
      she fell down the stairs?
16
           Α
                Yes.
17
                Did you ever do -- do you know what it
18
      means to do the splits? You know how children
19
      pretend they're doing splits like cheerleaders do?
2.0
           А
                Uh-huh.
21
                Yes?
           0
22
           Α
                Yes.
23
                You know what that is, right?
           Q
24
           Α
                Yes.
                Okay. Did you ever do that with Janie?
25
           0
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1
           Α
                No.
 2
                Did you ever pull her leg back so far
 3
      that it broke?
 4
           Α
                No.
 5
           0
                You're sure?
 6
           Α
                Yes.
 7
                Okay. The nurse's note here on March 16
           0
      of '06 report multiple bruises on the left leg over
 8
 9
      the entire extremity. You have no idea how that
10
      happened?
11
           А
                No.
12
                And then a bruise on the right medial
           0
13
      ankle. And bruises visible on the back, we talked
14
      about that. You have no idea how that happened?
15
           Α
                No.
                Okay. They say that her left hand, the
16
           0
17
      two outside digits are swollen and bruised. Did you
18
      ever bend back Janie's fingers --
19
           Α
                No.
20
                -- as a form of discipline?
           0
21
           Α
                No.
22
                Did anybody in your family ever do that
           0
23
      to her?
24
                Not that I know of.
           Α
25
           0
                And you would know about that if that
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- 1 happened, wouldn't you?
- 2 A I would hope so.
- 3 Q Okay. Did you or your husband ever
- 4 administer any type of physical punishment to Janie
- 5 that caused her any harm?
- 6 A What do you mean?
- 7 Q Break any bones?
- 8 A No.
- 9 Q Cause any bruises?
- 10 A No.
- MR. SPOHRER: Okay. I'm going to mark as
- Exhibit 3 the transcript of the proceeding.
- 13 (The document last-above referred to was
- marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- Exhibit No. 3.)
- 16 BY MR. SPOHRER:
- This was when you and Mr. Tylski appeared
- in front of Judge John Merrett on May 22, 2008 with
- 19 your attorney at the time, Mr. Willis. Do you
- remember that day, ma'am?
- 21 A Yes.
- Q Okay. If you would turn to Page 11,
- you'll see that your attorney pled -- this was the
- charge that was leveled against you of aggravated
- 25 child abuse and you entered a plea of guilty to that

- charge. And then turning over to Page 12, the judge
- 2 conducts a conversation with you. Do you remember
- 3 that event?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And the judge said, "Did you hear the
- 6 plea your attorney entered on your behalf?"
- 7 And what was your answer?
- 8 A "Yes."
- 9 Q And the judge said, "Did you tell him he
- 10 could do that?"
- 11 And what was your answer?
- 12 A "Yes."
- 13 Q And the judge said, "Did you tell him he
- 14 could do that because you are guilty?"
- 15 And what did you say?
- 16 A "Yes."
- Okay. Were you guilty of aggravated
- 18 child abuse with regard to Janie?
- 19 A If that's what they said.
- Q Well, what do you say?
- 21 A I say I didn't do these -- do these
- things. What do you want me to say? What would you
- 23 say?
- Q Well, I would -- I'm asking you to tell
- 25 me the truth. And I'm asking you, first of all,

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1 whether what you told Judge Merrett back in May was
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- 2 the truth, that you were guilty of aggravated child
- 3 abuse. Was that true then?
- A It's what I had to say.
- 5 Q Why did you have to say it?
- A It's the predicament that you guys put me
- 7 in.
- 8 Q I'm sorry; it's the predicament that --
- 9 A That they -- the State put me in.
- 10 Q When you say, "you guys," are you
- 11 referring to the State of Florida?
- 12 A Whoever. I don't understand who -- well,
- the State of Florida.
- 14 Q Okay. The State of Florida -- how did
- 15 the State of Florida put you in a predicament?
- 16 A I -- I have three boys. I need to go on.
- I can't -- I couldn't -- I have a son that's going
- away to college, I can't -- I couldn't go on
- anymore. We don't have no -- any more money to
- defend ourselves.
- 21 Q Okay. So is what you're telling me now,
- Mrs. Tylski, that you really were not guilty of
- aggravated child abuse, but that you just told the
- judge that you were?
- In my eyes, yes. In my family's eyes,

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1
      yes.
 2
                 And why did you do that?
           Q
 3
           Α
                Again, I have three boys. I'm a mom.
 4
      I'm a good wife. I'm a good mom. And to keep
 5
      living like the way we had to live to go through
 6
      this hell, I had to.
 7
                Okay. Did you love Janie?
 8
           Α
                I loved her with all my heart and I still
 9
      do.
10
                Uh-huh. And you gave her up, didn't you?
           0
11
                I had to.
           Д
12
                Why did you have to give her up?
           0
13
                Because of the fact of what we were being
14
      charged with and how they were messing with the
15
      boys.
16
                Who was messing with the boys?
           Q
17
           Α
                The State.
18
           Q
                What was the State doing?
19
           Α
                They kept coming to the school, taking
20
      them, coming to my home, kept interviewing them at
21
      any time, any place without permission, at any --
      any given time.
22
23
                So there was an ongoing investigation --
           0
24
           Α
                Yes.
25
                -- to make sure that your boys were not
           0
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1
      being harmed --
 2
           Α
                 Yes.
 3
                 -- like Janie was; yes?
           0
 4
           Α
                 Yes.
 5
                 Okay. And so as I understand it, you
           \bigcirc
 6
      voluntarily surrendered this little six-year-old
 7
      girl that you loved back in April of '06, a month
 8
      after this court date, right?
 9
           Α
                 Yes.
10
                MR. TYLSKI: We were advised to.
11
      BY MR. SPOHRER:
12
                And why did you surrender your rights to
13
      her if you loved her?
14
           Α
                Any mother that went -- that has gone
15
      through the pain that we had to go through with our
16
      boys and her would understand. You would only
17
      understand from a mother's heart. One, we were
      advised to do it and, two, because of what they were
18
19
      doing to the boys.
                So you did this to protect your boys?
20
           0
21
           A
                I did this to protect the family.
22
                Did you take Janie to church?
           0
23
           A
                Yes.
24
                Every Sunday?
           0
25
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A

Yes.

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1
                 With your boys?
           0
 2
           Α
                 Yes.
 3
                 Did you tell the teacher at Janie's
           0
      school that these injuries that she had were because
 4
 5
      she had fallen down the stairs?
 6
           Α
                 Yes.
 7
           0
                 Did you ever put hot sauce in Janie's
 8
      ears?
 9
           Α
                No.
10
                 Or her eyes?
           0
11
           Α
                No.
12
                 How many times did Mr. Tylski strike her
           0
13
      with a belt, on how many different occasions?
14
           Α
                 Probably once or twice, if that.
15
                 Once or twice in the four years that you
           0
      had her?
16
17
           Α
                 Two years.
                 Two years you had her, rather.
18
           0
19
           А
                 Uh-huh.
20
           0
                 Yes?
21
           Α
                 (Witness moves head up and down.)
2.2
                 What had she done for that punishment?
           Q
                 She had lied.
23
           Α
                What did she lie about?
24
           0
25
                 If I remember correctly, it was -- had to
           Α
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1
      do with something --
 2
                MR. TYLSKI: Homework.
 3
                 THE WITNESS: -- it was homework, and she
           had thrown stuff away and she denied throwing
 4
 5
           it away. It was a -- it was that whole day,
 6
           just accumulated stuff that she had done.
 7
      BY MR. SPOHRER:
 8
                Which day are we talking about?
 9
                It was just a -- I don't remember which
           Α
10
      day it was. It was just a, a regular day.
11
                Okay. Well, tell me everything that she
12
      had done to deserve this punishment on that day.
13
                I don't remember exactly. I just
14
      remember it had to do something with her homework
15
      and lying about throwing something away or ...
16
           0
                Okay.
                I don't remember the details.
17
18
           0
                And at that time that this happened, you
19
      can't remember exactly when it was, was she four
2.0
      years old?
21
                I don't know.
           А
22
                Was she five years old?
           0
                I don't remember. I don't remember when
23
           Α
      I -- when I spank a child how old they were.
2.4
                And you don't remember what she lied
25
           0
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1
      about?
 2
           Α
                 (Witness moves head up and down.)
 3
                 Have you ever put hot sauce in the mouths
           0
 4
      of one of your three sons?
 5
           Α
                Yes.
 6
           0
                 How often have you done that?
 7
                 Whenever they talk potty mouth.
           Α
 8
                 Have you ever put hot sauce in their ears
           0
      or their eyes?
 9
10
           Α
                 No.
11
                 Have they ever been struck with a belt?
12
           Α
                 Yes.
13
               And by you or by Mr. Tylski?
           0
14
           Α
                 Both.
15
                 How many times, do you think?
           0
16
           Α
                 I don't know.
17
                Okay. Have any of your three sons ever
      broken any bones?
18
                Yes.
19
           Α
2.0
           0
                Which ones?
21
           Α
                Josh and Jordan.
22
                What did they break?
           0
23
                They both have broken their collar bones.
           Α
24
                 And how did that happen?
           0
25
                Football.
           Α
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- 1 Q Okay. Did any one of your three sons
- 2 ever break a bone while falling down the stairs at
- 3 house, at the house?
- 4 A No.
- 5 Q To your knowledge, has either of the
- 6 three of them ever been clumsy or fallen down the
- 7 stairs?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 I want to go back to this incident that
- led to the hospitalization on March the 9th, 2006.
- 11 Can you tell me a little bit more about how she
- broke her leg? You were in the other room
- 13 vacuuming; correct?
- 14 A Uh-huh, yes.
- O She's home from school because she had
- 16 thrown up?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And she's coming down the stairs?
- 19 A As far as her story said.
- 20 Q Okay. And tell me what you remember
- 21 about that event.
- 22 A She fell down the stairs. Well, in her
- words, she had fallen down the stairs and
- somersaulted. She used the word somersaulted down
- 25 the stairs. And when I found her, she was laying at

- 1 the bottom of the stairs so I didn't know what had
- 2 happened, but she had her hands through the
- 3 spindles, saying, mommy, mommy, mommy. I picked her
- 4 up, laid her on the couch, called Rich. And he told
- 5 me to ice it 20 minutes on, 20 minutes off.
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A She never cried.
- MR. TYLSKI: I thought it was the knee.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I thought it was the
- 10 knee, so I was icing her knee.
- 11 BY MR. SPOHRER:
- 12 Q Okay. Did she have any bruises on her
- 13 body?
- 14 A I didn't look.
- 15 Q Well, you were her mom?
- 16 A Uh-huh.
- 17 Q You know your child had just fallen, had
- 18 a bad fall, bad enough that you called your husband.
- 19 A Well, he had -- I had called him. We
- 20 called each other all the time at work and I said
- 21 Janie just said she fell down the stairs.
- 22 O And --
- 23 A I didn't call him specifically to say,
- 24 hey, Janie fell down the stairs.
- 25 Q Okay. So he just happened to call in,

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1
      and you said, oh, by the way --
 2
           Α
                 Yes.
 3
           0
                 -- Janie --
 4
           А
                      He said, "What are you doing?" I
 5
      said, "Janie said she fell down the stairs."
 6
                 Okay. Now, what was Janie doing during
 7
      this time?
 8
           Α
                Laying on the couch.
 9
           0
                 Sleeping?
                 Just laying there.
10
           Α
11
           Q
                 Just laying there quietly?
12
           Α
                Yes.
                Not -- not in pain?
13
           0
                She would whimper, but nothing that I
14
           Α
15
      would be alerted to.
16
           0
                Okay. Now, you know that at that point
17
      she had fractured her leg, right?
18
                 I didn't know she had fractured --
           A
19
                You knew later that she had fractured it?
           0
20
           A
                Yes.
21
                Okay. But it's your testimony that she
22
      was just laying quietly on the couch?
23
           Α
                 Yes.
                Okay. And so Mr. Tylski says put ice on
24
25
      it for 20 minutes and then off for 20 minutes?
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1
           Α
                 Yes.
                 And did you do that?
 2
           0
 3
           Α
                 Yes.
 4
           0
                 For what length of time?
 5
           А
                 Probably a good hour, hour and a half
 6
      maybe.
 7
                 And during that time, what was Janie
           0
 8
      doing?
 9
                 Just laying there, watching TV.
           Α
10
                 Okay. Not in any pain?
           0
11
                 Just occasional, "it hurts."
           Α
12
                 Okay. And where were you applying the
           0
13
      ice?
                 On her knee.
14
           Α
15
                Her knee?
           Q
16
                Yes.
           Α
                All right. And what happened after the
17
           0
18
      hour?
19
           Α
                Nothing. Just --
20
                 I'm sorry?
           Q
21
           Α
                Nothing.
2.2
                Nothing? Well, what happened next I
           0
      guess is my question.
23
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took her to the hospital.

When Rich came home later that day, we

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1 What time did Mr. Tylski get home? 0 2 Α I don't remember. It was a blur. 3 What happened to make you decide to take 0 4 her to the hospital later in the day? 5 Α Her leg had swollen by then. 6 And where was it swelling? 0 7 Above her, above her knee. Α 8 0 Okay. And still, she's not expressing 9 any pain to you? 10 Α She -- she was whimpering more at the 11 time. 12 She was whimpering? Q 13 Α Uh-huh. 14 0 Yes? 15 Like ooh, yeah. Whimpering, yes. Α 16 Okay. So how much time elapsed from the 0 17 time she fell down the stairs until you took her to 18 the hospital? 19 I don't know. А 20 Was it two hours, three hours? 0 About that, maybe. 21 Α 22 About three hours? 0 23 Α Maybe, yes. 24 Okay. And when you got to the hospital, 0 25 what did you tell the nurses and the doctor?

1 Α When we walked up, they thought she had a 2 fever, that we were bringing her in for a fever. 3 But then when we explained we think she might have a 4 broken leg, then they took her back for an x-ray. 5 Okay. What did the doctor say to you? 6 They said her leg was broken. Α 7 Okay. And where was it broken? 8 Her femur. Α 9 Okay. Did they ask you about the 10 multiple bruises over -- over her body? 11 А They didn't say a word. 12 Did they ask you about any laceration 0 13 underneath her tongue? 14 А No. 15 Did they ask you about the old fractures 16 to her fingers? 17 Not until later. Α 18 Q Okay. When later did that happen? 19 Α A few days later. 20 And who asked you about that? 0 Barbara O'Reilly, her pediatrician. 21 Α 22 And what did Dr. O'Reilly ask? 0 23 She asked if she had broken her hand Α 24 before. 25 0 Now, why was she -- why were you having a

- 1 conversation with the pediatrician?
- 2 A She was in the room.
- 3 Q Okay. Was Janie hospitalized?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Okay. And so she remained in the
- 6 hospital for how long?
- 7 A I don't -- six days. About six days.
- 8 Q Okay. And the pediatrician was making
- 9 rounds and coming to talk to her?
- 10 A Uh-huh.
- 11 O Yes?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Okay. And tell me what the doctor asked
- 14 you.
- 15 A She asked me if she had broken her hand
- 16 before or if I had known that she had broken her
- 17 hand before.
- 18 Q And what did you say?
- 19 A No, she said she had something -- I don't
- remember the exact words, but she had said something
- about her hand being broken. And I asked her, "Did
- it happen in the fall?" And she said, "No, this is
- an older break."
- Q And what did you say?
- 25 A I said, "Well, I don't know then" because

- 1 didn't know her previous history as far as...
- 2 Q Okay. And then what, what other
- 3 conversation did you have with that doctor or any
- 4 other investigators?
- 5 A She asked me about -- she asked me about
- if any of the boys had bent her fingers back.
- 7 O Uh-huh.
- 8 A Or if she had ever broken her fingers.
- 9 Q And what did you say?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q Okay. You're sure that that didn't
- happen while she was in your home?
- 13 A Yes.
- Q Okay. What did the doctor say?
- 15 A She just had told me that it was broken,
- 16 had been broken. She wasn't sure of the time frame.
- Okay. Well, how did that make you feel
- 18 as the mother of this child, to know that your child
- 19 had had -- first, had broken her leg and you didn't
- 20 know it, and then being told that she had also had
- 21 broken her fingers?
- 22 A I was already in shock that her leg was
- 23 broken while we were in the hospital. As far as her
- leg -- her hand being broken before, we just kept
- thinking it had been broken prior to us having her

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1 because they had no time frame.
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- 2 Q Did you ever ask Janie about her fingers
- 3 or how that happened?
- 4 A No, because in the hospital we generally
- 5 thought it was her falling down the stairs.
- 6 Q Uh-huh. Do you know what Janie says
- 7 about that?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q What does Janie say about that?
- 10 A She says I bent her fingers back.
- 11 Q Yeah. She actually says that you slapped
- her fingers down on the corner of a table to
- discipline her. Did you do that?
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q You're sure?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Did you bend her fingers back?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Did her leg break because you were
- 20 bending her leg back --
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q -- to do a split or anything like that?
- 23 A No, no.
- 24 Q You're smiling?
- 25 A Because it's ridiculous.

- 1 Q Okay. Do you know why this child would
- 2 say that's how she broke her leg?
- 3 A She -- it's her -- it was her character,
- 4 you know, the type of thing, I'm going to tell Aunt
- 5 Chris, you know, type of stuff. Aunt Chris was the
- foster mom that had her before, just always wanting
- 7 to go back to where she came from.
- 8 Q It was her character to -- to do what?
- 9 A She would threaten the kids and say, "If
- 10 you don't give me that, I'm going to go back to my
- 11 Aunt Chris." You know, it was that vindictive --
- that's the only thing I could think of, other than
- 13 her being fed this stuff.
- 14 Q But I thought she loved you and loved the
- 15 family.
- 16 A She did.
- 17 Q Well, why would she want to go back to a
- 18 foster home?
- 19 A We never understood that part of it. She
- was always ready to go to the next person that came
- 21 to the house. Just like when she was with Chris,
- she couldn't -- she wanted to come with us quickly.
- 23 She couldn't come quick enough.
- 24 Q So it's your opinion then and your
- 25 testimony that this child, who was four or five

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years of age, was calculated enough to make up these
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      stories about you breaking her fingers and breaking
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      her leg --
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                -- because she was mad at you?
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                Either made them up or she was fed this
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      fed this stuff.
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                The foster parents, they were even caught
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      lying on what they had asked -- questioned her.
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                The new parents.
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      about when they had talked to and questioned this
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      are you speaking about?
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      caught lying about when they had spoken to this
      child and what she had said to them.
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When you went to court. You're speaking

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- 1 about the day that you went to court --
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q -- that you and I were just reading
- 4 about?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 MR. TYLSKI: No, it was a pretrial
- 7 hearing.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Well, pretrial hearing,
- 9 yes.
- 10 BY MR. SPOHRER:
- 11 Q Okay. Well, let's go back to Janie. Is
- it your testimony that this child, who was age four
- or age five, made up a story about you breaking her
- fingers because she was mad at you?
- 15 A That's not my testimony. I don't know if
- 16 she was mad at me.
- 17 Q Well, why would she do that?
- 18 A I have no idea.
- 19 Q And is it your testimony that this child,
- 20 who was four or five years of age, made up a
- 21 story --
- 22 A She was six.
- 23 O Or six.
- 24 -- made up a story about you breaking her
- leg? That's -- you're telling me that she made that

- 1 up, right? 2 Α She changed her story. 3 0 Okay. And why would she do that? 4 I don't know. I would -- I had no chance Α 5 to talk to her. 6 Okay. This was a child who loved you, 7 loved the family, wanted to stay in your home? 8 Α That's the way she perceived it, yes. 9 Okay. And, yet, it's your testimony that 10 she was making these stories up about being hurt; is 11 that right? 12 That's the way it came out. She changed Α 13 her story. 14 At the time that you adopted Janie, were 0 15 you given her medical history? 16 Α No. 17 Were you told anything about her 18 background? 19 Little bit, bits and pieces, nothing in А 20 writing. 21 Okay. Did you ever notice anything wrong 22 with her fingers from the time you adopted her up
- 25 A No.

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until the time she went to the hospital in March of

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1 Q Did you ever notice any bruises on her
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- 2 back or her legs at any time before you took her to
- 3 the hospital?
- A Not that I remember. I didn't check.
- 5 Q Did you notice any lacerations to any
- 6 part of her body?
- 7 A No, not that I -- I didn't check.
- 8 Q Okay. Well, when you say you didn't
- 9 check, as a mom of a four-year-old, five-year-old,
- 10 whatever, I would assume you helped her get dressed?
- 11 A No. She was six. She got dressed on her
- 12 own.
- 13 Q Okay. Did you help her bathe?
- 14 A No, she bathed on her own.
- Okay. So is it your testimony that you
- 16 never saw your daughter without her clothes on?
- 17 A Every now and then, but not -- I didn't
- 18 examine her.
- 19 Q Okay. When she had the laceration to her
- 20 forehead, did you take her to see a doctor?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 O And who was that doctor?
- 23 A I don't know his name.
- Q Okay. Did she have stitches?
- 25 A Yes.

1 0 Did you receive an adoption subsidy when you adopted Janie? 2 3 What do you mean? Α 4 0 Did you receive any money --5 Α No. 6 -- from the State of Florida or anybody 7 when you adopted her? 8 А No. 9 0 Mrs. Tylski, is there anything you would like to say to Janie today? 10 11 A Yes. 12 What would you like to say to her? 0 13 A That I love her very, very much and miss her. 14 15 And the last question I have for you, Q 16 ma'am, is if you loved her, why did you surrender 17 her and not fight to keep her as part of your 18 family? 19 As I said before, I have -- to keep our 20 family together, we were advised to give her up. 21 And what they were doing to the boys. The boys were 22 so traumatized, there was -- how do you hold a 23 family together when your boys -- when the boys are 24 being so traumatized by the State and, yet, we 25 weren't even allowed to see her or talk to her.

- 1 Q Okay. Who advised you to give up your
- 2 rights, your parental rights to --
- 3 A Patty Parker.
- 4 Q Okay. And when you appeared in front of
- 5 Judge Merrett and answered his questions under oath,
- 6 you were doing that under advice of counsel; is that
- 7 right?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 MR. SPOHRER: Okay. Let's take a break.
- We've been at this for a little while. I think
- we're about done. I just want to go over my
- 12 notes.
- 13 (Brief recess.)
- MR. SPOHRER: Here are your original
- documents, Mr. Tylski. I'll give those back to
- 16 you.
- MR. TYLSKI: Thank you.
- 18 BY MR. SPOHRER:
- 19 Q All right. I just have a couple more
- questions, Mrs. Tylski, and then we'll be done.
- 21 As I gather from listening to you, you
- feel this was something that, this whole situation
- 23 was something that was done to you and to your
- family, that you were made victims by the State; is
- 25 that right?

- 1 A Correct.
- 2 Q And how did that happen? How did that
- 3 come about?
- 4 A It was all about -- first, it started out
- 5 because of what Rich did for a living.
- 6 Q What about what he did for a living?
- 7 He was a football player, you know, the
- 8 football player did this and the football player did
- 9 that.
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 A Instead of who we are. It was all about
- what he did for a living, not who we are.
- 13 Q All right. But you feel that this whole,
- 14 the prosecution by the State and that your giving up
- Janie as your daughter was something that was done
- to you and that you-all were made victims by this
- 17 situation; is that true?
- 18 A Correct.
- 19 Q All right. Now, and just to finish up
- then, as I understand it, on the day that she came
- 21 into the hospital, March the 9th, 2006, she had a
- 22 broken leg but was lying on the couch at your home
- for several hours with ice that you were putting on
- 24 her leg, right?
- 25 A Correct.

1 She was not getting any pain medications? Q 2 Α No. 3 0 And she wasn't crying out in pain? 4 Α No. 5 Okay. And the bruises on her back, which  $\bigcirc$ 6 are depicted in the illustration here on Exhibit 7 No. 2, and the bruises and lacerations and 8 contusions on her legs and back, you were unaware of 9 those --10 Correct. A 11 -- until those were pointed out to you by 12 the doctors and the nurses? 13 Д Correct. 14 Okay. Have you seen the photographs of 0 15 Janie which were taken by the Child Protective Team? 16 Α No. 17 But is it your testimony that when you 18 took this child into the hospital she did not have 19 any visible signs of injury which you were aware of? 20 A I didn't check her, all I know is she was 21 complaining of her leg. 22 Okay. But complaining quietly, 23 whimpering? 24 Α Yes.

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MR. SPOHRER: Okay. All right.

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Τ	Mrs. Tylski, that's all I have. Thank you very
2	much. If you'll swap seats with your husband,
3	we'll take a deposition from him.
4	(The deposition concluded at 10:03 a.m.)
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STATE OF FLORIDA )
COUNTY OF DUVAL )

I, Elaine M. Wall, Professional Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public, certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the deposition of Jane M. Tylski; that a review of the transcript was not requested; and that the transcript is a true and complete record of my stenographic notes.

I further certify that I am not a relative, employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative of any of the parties' attorneys or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

DATED this 9th day of November, 2009.

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### <u>CERTIFICATE OF OATH</u>

STATE OF FLORIDA )
COUNTY OF DUVAL )

I, the undersigned authority, certify that Jane M. Tylski, the witness, personally appeared before me and was duly sworn.

WITNESS by hand and official seal this 9th day of November, 2009.

Flaine M. Wall

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Expires: August 19, 2012



### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.:

16-2008-CA-010332

DIVISION:

CV-F

HUGH COTNEY, as Attorney Ad Litem for JANE DOE, a minor child

Plaintiff,

v.

RICHARD L. TYLSKI, an individual JANE M. TYLSKI, an individual

Defendants.



## SUBPOENA FOR VIDEOTAPE DEPOSITION DUCES TECUM OF JANE M. TYLSKI

THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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- 2. All tax returns for the past 3 years.
- 3. Any and all documentation identifying the contents of all safety deposit boxes and storage units.
- 4. All titles to any real estate property, vehicles, boats or insured jewelry, held in your name either individually or jointly.

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Monthly disability benefits/SSI

Monthly Workers' Compensation

Monthly Unemployment Compensation

Monthly pension, retirement, or annuity payments

Monthly Social Security benefits

Monthly alimony actually received

Monthly interest and dividends

Monthly rental income

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2	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA.
3	CASE NO.: 16-2006-CF-006143-AXXX-MA DIVISION: CR-E
5	STATE OF FLORIDA vs.
6	JANE and RICHARD TYLSKI,
7	Defendant.
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10	PROCEEDINGS before the Honorable JOHN
11	MERRETT, Circuit Judge, Courtroom No. 2, at the Duval
12	County Courthouse, 330 East Bay Street, Jacksonville,
13	Duval County, Florida, on Thursday, May 22nd, 2008,
14	commencing at 2:00 p.m., reported by Sharron A.
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25	Deponent J. Tylski  Date 9/30/19/Rptr. PW  WWW.DEPOROOK.COM

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2	PROCEEDINGS
3	May 22, 2008 2:00 p.m.
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5	THE COURT: All right. Call your case.
6	MS. ROMMEL: Your Honor, the State calls
7	the case of Jane and Rich Tylski.
8	THE COURT: Jane and Richard Tylski.
9	(Defendants present.)
10	THE COURT: I'll hear you.
11	MS. ROMMEL: Your Honor, before we
12	proceed to the plea and the negotiated
13	disposition, the victim's mother has prepared
14	a statement for the Court that has already
15	been disclosed to defense counsel and would
16	like the Court to hear.
17	MR. WILLIS: We have no objection, Your
18	Honor.
19	THE COURT: All right.
20	MS. ROMMEL: The State would call forward
21	Ms. Karla Utley. Ms. Utley also prepared some
22	pictures of Janie that she asked me to provide
23	to the Court.
24	THE COURT: Give me a minute to look at
25	these if you would. How old is she now?

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              MS. UTLEY: She's eight.
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                         Thank you.
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              Mr. Willis, you and your clients are
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         welcome to take your seats if you'd like or
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         you can remain standing.
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                           Thank you very much, Your
              MR. WILLIS:
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         Honor.
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              THE COURT:
                          You may proceed.
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              MS. UTLEY:
                          Thank you.
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              It is with great pride that I finally
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         have the opportunity to share Janie Rebecca
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         Utley with the Court today. She is and has
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         been a delightful daughter, sister,
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         granddaughter, great granddaughter, cousin,
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         niece, student and friend. She is now eight
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         years old.
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              Janie has sparkling big blue eyes and
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         beautiful long hair. She is currently in the
         third grade at Abess Park, and she excels
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         academically, socially and behaviorally at
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         school.
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              Janie loves to read non-fiction books,
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         especially those about animals. She dreams
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         about horseback riding and one day travelling
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         to South America to swim with the pink
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1	dolphins. As part of her daily chores she
2	helps to take care of <mark>her two dogs, Sam and</mark>
3	Kelly. She has expressed aspirations to one
4	day <mark>be a veterinarian</mark> . She often watches
5	Animal Planet and is fascinated by the shows
6	involving hurt and sick animals. Her
7	compassion for all creatures, big and small,
8	is amazing.

Janie is a wonderful big sister to Skyla and Kendall. She's responsible and gentle beyond her years. She is loving, patient and kind. She is a great diaper changer, even though that it is not her favorite thing to do. She pushes her one year old sister around the house on her little bus as Kendall cackles with delight.

Janie enjoys reading with Skyla. The girls love to stay up late on Friday nights and eat popcorn and watch movies. They paint each other's toenails and giggle until soda comes pouring out of their noses. She is part of an unbreakable bond that only sisters share.

Music has become another one of Janie's passions. She loves to sing. This year she

1	was one of the few third graders chosen for
2	the school chorus. At home you can hear the
3	country music blasting from her bedroom.
4	Janie loves to sing and dance to the
5	soundtrack from High School Musical. She has
6	been known to climb up on the coffee table and
7	belt out songs from the '70s and '80s, as
8	though she were auditioning for American Idol.
9	She knows every word to every song that Hannah
10	Montana sings.
11	One of our favorite family activities is
12	boating, and it's one Janie looks forward to
13	with delight. You can often hear her yell,
14	faster, daddy, as she enjoys the speed of the
15	boat. Once anchored she enjoys playing on the
16	beach and looking for hermit crabs to take
17	home. Janie is a great first mate and loves

home. Janie is a great first mate and loves to drive the boat while sitting on daddy's lap. She's an avid swimmer and she loves swimming with the fish at the ice cold Florida

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springs.

Janie loves visiting Tallahassee to watch her favorite team play football. She is usually decked out from head to toe in her Seminole gear. She loves to walk around the

1	campus and visit the places her mom and dad
2	used to frequent. During the last visit to
3	Tallahassee she visited the Chi Omega House
4	and decided that that is where she was going
5	to live when she goes to college. She does
6	the Seminole chop with the best of them and
7	aspires to be the student chosen to ride
8	renegade at the football games when she
9	attends FSU.

If given the opportunity, Janie would have appeared here today. The Court would have seen a happy, confident and courageous little girl. Janie would have told Judge Merrett that Jane and Rich Tylski should be in jail.

Janie would have shown everyone who did not believe her before her mangled fingers, scar on her forehead and stainless steel rod that came out of her leg. Janie would have told these same naysayers that she is not clumsy, nor did she come to the Tylskis' house with these injuries. Janie would have told all the Tylskis' neighbors, sports community, baby-sitters and church members that you never know what goes on behind closed doors.

Janie would have thanked the
investigators, caseworkers, therapists,
doctors and guardian ad litem for believing in
her. Janie would have thanked Mr. Alan and
Ms. Adair for fighting for her. Janie would
have told her brothers that she cares about
them and often asks about their well-being.
Janie would have given Gavin a great big hug
for being so brave and doing the right thing.

Janie would have apologized to the children of Jacksonville who are waiting to be adopted for the statements made by the Tylskis that these children are damaged goods. Janie would have expressed her wishes about helping other children be adopted into loving and safe homes. Janie would tell everyone that their reputation is never bigger than their words and their actions.

In closing, to know Janie is to love Janie. The Tylskis' loss is our gain. She is an essential member of our family and we cannot remember life without her. As Jimmy Buffet once said, some people never find it, some only pretend, but I just want to live happily ever after now and then. Thank you

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         for hearing me today.
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              THE COURT:
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              Anything further from the government?
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              MS. ROMMEL:
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              THE COURT:
                         All right. Mr. Willis, if
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         you let me know how we're going to proceed.
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              MR. WILLIS: Your Honor, if it please the
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         Court, if the Tylskis could come on up. We're
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         here for the resolution of this case today.
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         There is a different resolution as to each of
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         these persons.
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              THE COURT:
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                         As to Richard Tylski,
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         Mr. Tylski will be referred to Pretrial
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         Intervention. We will need a pass date to
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         accomplish that. And as part of the
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         proceeding he wishes to read a statement into
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         the record.
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                         All right. Mr. Tylski.
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              MR. WILLIS:
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         have an amendment and I need to get the
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              MR. TYLSKI: On or about March 7th, 2006,
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         I spanked my daughter with a belt which
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         exceeded the scope of appropriate parental
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         discipline which resulted in some of the marks
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         as seen on Jane Tylski on March 9th, 2006.
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              THE COURT:
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              MR. WILLIS: That concludes it as to
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         Mr. Tylski, except for the setting of a pass
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         date.
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              THE COURT: All right. About how long do
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         you need, Ms. Rommel?
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              MS. ROMMEL: Two weeks. Your Honor, that
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         should be sufficient.
              THE COURT: All right. And that's just a
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              MR. WILLIS: Yes, sir.
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              THE COURT: The paperwork has gone
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         through.
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              MS. ROMMEL: Yes, sir.
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              MR. WILLIS: Yes, sir, that is correct,
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         yes, sir.
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              THE COURT: All right. Would his
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         appearance be required on that date?
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              MS. ROMMEL: No, sir. I hope to just
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         strike it from the calendar once the paperwork
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         is done.
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              THE COURT: Even if it is on the
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         calendar, we'll waive his appearance, if
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         either co-counsel would come and let me know
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         what's going on, if it's still alive.
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              MR. WILLIS: That's fine.
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              THE COURT: And I will pass the case to
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         June 11th.
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         Mrs. Tylski, we will be tendering a plea of
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         guilty to the first count of the information,
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         predicated upon an understanding that upon
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         acceptance of the plea that she would be
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         adjudicated guilty and she is to be placed on
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         two years probation with the following special
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         conditions: A, anger control; B, parenting
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         skills; C, 100 hours of community service; and
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         D. a $12,500 contribution to the establishment
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         of an educational savings account for Janie
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         Tylski, and then the mandatory court costs
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         beyond that. There is a further provision
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         that she will be eligible to apply for early
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         termination after one year if she has
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         accomplished all of those special conditions.
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              THE COURT: All right. Give me just one
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         second. All right, sir. Do you have a plea
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              MR. WILLIS: Yes, sir. We had previously
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         filed with the Court a waiver of a presentence
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              THE COURT: Yes, sir. All right. Let
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         Mrs. Tylski be sworn.
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              THE CLERK: Raise your right hand for me
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                          JANE TYLSKI,
    having been produced and first duly sworn as a witness,
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    testified as follows:
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              THE COURT: All right, ma'am, I need you
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         to keep your voice up loud enough for me to
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         hear you and for the court reporter to hear
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         you. In fact, I've never heard you talk. If
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        you're particularly soft spoken, you may want
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         to step up in front of the clerk.
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              MR. WILLIS: She's fine.
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              THE COURT: All right. State your name.
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              THE DEFENDANT:
                              Jane Tylski.
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              THE COURT:
                          Did you hear the plea your
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         attorney entered on your behalf?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Did you tell him he could do
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
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              THE COURT: Did you tell him he could do
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
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              THE COURT: How old are you?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Thirty-eight.
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              THE COURT: And how far did you go in
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         school?
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              THE DEFENDANT:
                             High school.
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              THE COURT: Can you read and write?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes. sir.
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              THE COURT: Is this your signature on the
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         back of the blue form in the blank marked
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         defendant?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
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              THE COURT: Did you read the form before
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         you signed it?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
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              THE COURT: Is this your signature on the
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         bottom on the green form in the blank marked
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         defendant?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
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              THE COURT: Did you read that form before
         you signed it?
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1	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
2	THE COURT: Did you understand both of
3	those forms?
4	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
5	THE COURT: Do you understand by signing
6	the green form you're giving up your right to
7	have a background investigation and a report
8	and recommendations made to me by the
9	Department of Corrections concerning the
10	disposition of your case?
11	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
12	THE COURT: Do you understand by entering
13	the plea you give up your right to a trial by
14	a jury, your right to confront and
15	cross-examine the witnesses against you and
16	the right to compel the attendance of
17	witnesses in your own behalf?
18	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
19	THE COURT: Do you understand you give up
20	your right to appeal?
21	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
22	THE COURT: Are you under the influence
23	of alcohol or any other drug or substance that
24	could affect your ability to understand what's
25	going on around you?

1	THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.
2	THE COURT: Have you failed to take or
3	been deprived of anything that you need in
4	order to understand what's going on around
5	you?
6	THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.
7	THE COURT: Do you understand what we're
8	doing here today?
9	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
10	THE COURT: Do you understand that if
11	you're not a U.S. citizen your plea could
12	subject you to deportation?
13	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
14	THE COURT: Madam Prosecutor, what degree
15	felony is count one?
16	MS. ROMMEL: First degree.
17	THE COURT: Do you understand, ma'am,
18	that if you're found to be in a material and
19	willful violation of your probation you could
20	be sentenced, after a hearing without a jury,
21	to up to five years in prison?
22	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
23	THE COURT: Do you understand that that
24	would not require a conviction for a new
25	crime?

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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes. sir.
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              THE COURT: Are you aware of any DNA
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         evidence that might have affected this case?
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              THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.
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              THE COURT: Is either attorney aware of
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         any such evidence?
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              MS. ROMMEL: No. sir.
              MR. WILLIS: No. sir.
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              MS. ROMMEL: Sir, for the record, I
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         believe you meant to say 30 years.
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              THE COURT: I'm sorry?
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              MS. ROMMEL: I believe you meant to say
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         up to 30 years.
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              THE COURT: I thought you said it was a
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         third degree felony.
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              MS. ROMMEL: No, sir, it was a first
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         degree felony, I'm sorry.
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              THE COURT: Oh, I'm sorry. In the event
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         of a violation which is found to be material
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         and willful of your probation, you could be
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         sentenced, without a trial before a jury, to
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         up to 30 years. Do you understand that?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
              THE COURT: All right. I find from the
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         arrest affidavit, which has been made a part
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         of the record in this case, there is a factual
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         basis for the plea. I further find the plea
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         and the waiver of presentence investigation to
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         be freely, voluntarily and knowingly entered,
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         with a full knowledge and understanding of the
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         nature and consequences of each and I accept
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         both.
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              Is there any reason why sentence may not
         now be imposed?
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              MR. WILLIS: No. sir.
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              MS. ROMMEL: No. sir.
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              THE COURT:
                          Ma'am, on your plea of guilty
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         to count one, I adjudge you to be guilty of
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         aggravated child abuse. You are placed on two
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         vears probation with the following special
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         conditions: You are to enroll in and
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         successfully complete an anger control or
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         management program approved by the Department
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         of Corrections; you are to enroll in and
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         complete a parenting skills course approved by
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         the Department of Corrections; you are to
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         perform 100 hours of community service at a
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         facility approved by the Department of
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         Corrections or by the Court.
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              Was there a time limit on the
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         establishment of the educational savings
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         account?
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              MR. WILLIS: Your Honor, I have those
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         funds in my trust account as of today.
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              THE COURT: All right.
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              MR. WILLIS: And so once that account is
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         established, we will fund it as we are
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         directed
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              THE COURT: All right. You are further
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         ordered to contribute $12.500 to the
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         establishment or maintenance of an educational
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         savings account for the benefit of Janie
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         Utley. You are to pay $341 in court costs.
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         If all special conditions have been completed
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         one year from today's date, you are authorized
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         to apply either personally or through counsel
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         for early termination of probation.
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         believe this sentence to be illegal, you have
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         30 days from today's date to commence an
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         appeal. If you wish to prosecute an appeal
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         but can't afford an attorney, I'll appoint one
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         for you at no cost to you.
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              Do you understand that?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Yes. sir.
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              THE COURT: All right. Is there anything
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         further we need to do?
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              MS. ROMMEL: Yes, Your Honor, as part of
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         the negotiations, there is a statement that
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         Ms. Tylski was going to read.
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              THE COURT: All right.
              MR. WILLIS: May counsel have a moment?
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              THE COURT: Sure. Well, I'll point out
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         that I have accepted the plea.
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              MR. WILLIS: Yes, sir.
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              THE COURT:
                          I don't know what else.
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              MS. ROMMEL: Your Honor, this was a part
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         of the negotiations.
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              MR. WILLIS: May we have a moment?
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              THE COURT: All right. Here's what we're
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         going to do. I'm going to take ten minutes,
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         till 2:30, and you-all sort out what, if
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         anything else, we're going to do.
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              MR. WILLIS: Thank you, Judge.
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              THE COURT: And you're welcome to use the
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         jury room if you wish.
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              MR. WILLIS: Thank you, sir.
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              THE COURT: We're in recess until 2:30.
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              (A short recess was had, after which the
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         proceedings were resumed as follows:)
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              THE COURT: All right.
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1	MR. WILLIS: Your Honor, if it please the
2	Court, the controversy in all this, we
3	expected counsel to read a statement as a
4	factual basis, counsel expected we would read
5	it. Ms. Utley (sic) will read it to satisfy
6	the prosecution. Go ahead.
7	THE DEFENDANT: On or between October
8	23rd, 2003 and March 9th, 2006, the defendant
9	did maliciously punish Janie Tylski, a/k/a
10	Janie Utley, a child under the age of 18, by
11	acts which included the bending back of
12	fingers and striking of the child.
13	THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
14	MR. WILLIS: And that's it.
15	THE COURT: All right. Does the State
16	have an announcement.
17	MS. ROMMEL: Yes. As to counts three,
18	four and five, the State will enter a nol pros
19	code 30. Count two would be the count that
20	will be diverted to PTI, sir.
21	THE COURT: All right. Mrs. Tylski, if
22	you would step over to be fingerprinted.
23	Is there anything further to come before
24	the Court?
25	MR. WILLIS: Your Honor, we don't have a

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         probation officer.
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              THE COURT: Can you give Mr. Willis the
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         information, Madam Clerk? She can just report
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         any day this week. We've got one day is just
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         as good as the other. If she doesn't make it
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         tomorrow, next week is fine.
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              MR. WILLIS: All right, sir.
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              THE COURT: And if you prefer, she can
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         come back to court and see Mr. McMillian,
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         whichever way you want to do it. You can
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         either go to the office or come back one day
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         next week.
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              MR. WILLIS: All right, sir. Thank you
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         very much.
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              THE COURT: Mr. McMillian will not be
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         here tomorrow.
              Is there anything further to come before
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         the Court?
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              MS. ROMMEL: No, sir.
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              MR. WILLIS: No. sir. Thank you.
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              THE COURT: All right. Court is
         adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.
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              MS. ROMMEL: Thank you, sir.
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              (The proceedings were concluded.)
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1	<u>CERTIFICATE</u>
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4	STATE OF FLORIDA)
5	COUNTY OF DUVAL )
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7	I, Sharron Ann McLendon, certify that I was
8	authorized to and did stenographically report the
9	foregoing proceedings and that the transcript is a true
L 0	and complete record of my stenographic notes.
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